

Grenade unearthed by landscapers in Long Branch found to be inactive

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LONG BRANCH — Two people performing landscaping in the rear of an Uptown Broadway business unearthed a hand grenade early Wednesday, police said.

The workers flagged down Cpl. Mario Fragale and informed him they had the grenade in the back of their pickup truck about 8:30 a.m., police said. Fragale guided the truck to an isolated in part of the city hall parking lot and advised headquarters.

Additional police, fire and emergency personnel were dispatched to the location, and an explosive ordnance disposal unit was deployed from Fort Monmouth, police said. The device was examined by that unit and found to be inactive and safe. It was removed for disposal. The main driveway into city hall was closed for about one hour. Traffic was diverted to an alternate entrance near the public library. City hall business continued as normal, police said.

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